IIM for Aviation Management

144. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up an IIM for Aviation Management;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating its location and functions; and

(c) how far this will help in meeting the burgeoning demand of trained professional managers of this industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Ministry of Civil Aviation has no proposal for setting up an IIM for Aviation Management.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Medical emergencies at airports

145. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made provisions for medical emergencies at airports in the country;

(b) if so, how it was that recently a Bharuch resident returning to India after visiting his daughter in London died of heart attack due to unavailability of timely medical attention at Mumbai International Airport on 31st March, 2006; and

(c) whether it is not the duty of the airport authority and also the airlines to ensure that patients receive timely medical attention?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir. Medical inspection units are working round the clock at Chennai, Kolkata and Trivandrum airports with first-aid facilities. Similar medical inspection units are also available at Delhi and Mumbai airports which provide first aid facilities in case of medical emergency. At other major airports, Medical Inspection rooms with first-aid facilities are available where medical emergencies are attended to by the State Government/Private Hospital doctors and paramedical staff.

(b) As per information provided by Mumbai International Airport Limited (MIAL), no passenger had died of heart attack on 31.3.2006 at Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport, Mumbai.

(c) Yes, Sir, on the receipt of information it is the duty of Airports Authority/ Airport Operator to ensure that patients receive timely medical attention.

Setting up of private airports

146. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allow private players to set up new airports;

(b) if so, the details indicating name of the airports and name of the private operators;

(c) whether Government are aware that some industrial houses have airports at their industrial estates; and

(d) how Government will encourage these companies to open these airport facilities to the civilians as well so that new facilities can be created in the country without his Ministry having to spend anything?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) At present, new airports are being promoted by the concerned State Governments on Public Private Partnership (PPP) basis through Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV). M/s Hyderabad International Airport Limited and M/s Bangalore International Airport Limited have been allowed to set up international airports at Shamshabad near Hyderabad and at Devanhalli near Bangalore respectively.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The extant policy on Airport Infrastructure encourages such ventures.

Development of commercially unviable airports

147. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering, on the recommendations of the Naresh Chandra Committee, to impose an additional cess on air travel to fund development of commercially unviable airports and routes; and